



IN UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Fernández, *et al.* Attorney Docket No.: FERN-P004
Serial No.: 09/145,167 Group Art Unit: 2163
Filed: 9/1/1998 Examiner: Robinson Boyce, A.
Appeal No: 2001-2427
Title: Adaptive Direct Transaction For Network Client Group

#19/B
1-9-04
me

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

RECEIVED
SEP 30 2003
GROUP 3600

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to Decision on Appeal dated 07/31/2003, Applicants are submitting an amendment in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to Claims are reflected in listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 7 of this paper.